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National Endowment for the Arts and
Arts Midwest presents **The Big Read 2011**

***In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez**



About the Author

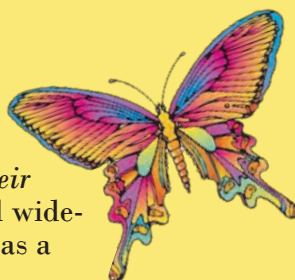
Although Julia Alvarez was born in New York City, her family moved back to the Dominican Republic when she was only three months old. The family lived comfortably until 1960, when authorities discovered that Alvarez's father

belonged to an underground effort to overthrow Trujillo's regime. Fearing for their safety, the Alvarезes fled back to the United States. Just three months later, the Mirabal sisters—founders of the underground—were murdered.

The family returned to New York City, where Alvarez enjoyed learning English and credits the experience with helping her become a writer. As she explains, “Not understanding the language, I had to pay close attention to each word—great training for a writer. I also discovered the welcoming world of the imagination and books.”

Alvarez earned a master's degree in creative writing from Syracuse University. She had been teaching at Middlebury College for three years when her first novel, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, was published in 1991. The book received widespread acclaim and enabled her to pursue writing as a full-time career.

Alvarez lives with her husband, Bill Eichner, in Vermont. In 1998, the couple founded a center in the Dominican Republic called Finca Alta Gracia. Workers at the center cultivate environmentally sustainable shade-grown organic coffee, the sale of which supports a school on the farm where children and adults can learn to read.



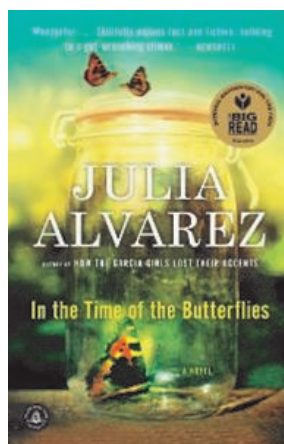
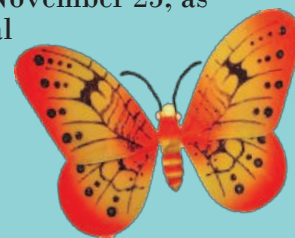
**Live Skype Session with
Big Read author Julia Alvarez**
Tuesday, May 10
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Main Library

Join us for an Internet-assisted live discussion with the author facilitated by Hayward City Council member Francisco Zermeno. Bring your questions about the Big Read selections and enjoy a unique opportunity to talk with this internationally influential author.

About the Book

In the Time of the Butterflies transports us to the Dominican Republic in the mid-twentieth century when the country struggled under the brutal dictatorship of Rafael Leonidas Trujillo. A work of historical fiction, the novel honors the lives of Patria, Minerva, and María Teresa Mirabal, who became icons of freedom and women's rights when they were slain on Trujillo's orders on November 25, 1960 for their role in the underground resistance movement. Their story haunted Alvarez, whose own family had already fled the Dominican Republic.

The murders of the three women inspired many in the Dominican Republic to denounce the regime publicly and marked the beginning of the end for Trujillo's reign. In 1999 the United Nations General Assembly designated the date of the Mirabal sisters' deaths, November 25, as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.



Big Read-a-Thon

Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, and 23
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a community read of *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. Community members will read the book out loud from cover to cover at City Hall Plaza during four Saturday Farmer's Markets. Interested in being one of the readers? You can participate by reading a short passage from the book. Contact Melesha.owen@hayward-ca.gov or call 510-293-5239 for more information or to sign up.

Hayward Public Library
<http://library.hayward-ca.gov>

Main Library
835 C Street
510-293-8685

Weekes Library
27300 Patrick Ave.
510-782-2155

Hours
Mon.- Wed. 11 - 8
Thurs. - Sat. 10 - 5

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

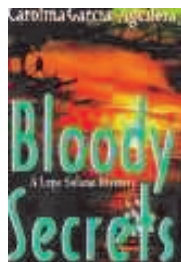


Mystery Novels by Women:

Bloody Secrets

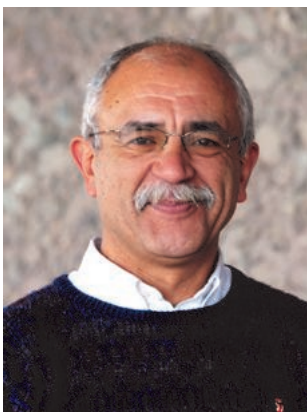
Tues., April 5

11:30 a.m. at Le Paradis Bakery
(D St. and Mission)



Carolina Garcia-Aguilera's funny sexy Miami PI, Lupe Solano, returns in a sweeping story that takes readers from the last days of Batista's Havana,

to the Guantanamo Bay refugee camp, to Miami's high society. Lupe tries to help Luis, a recent Cuban refugee, reclaim his heritage from a prominent Cuban family in Miami. However, the family will stop at nothing to prevent Luis and Lupe from finding the truth.

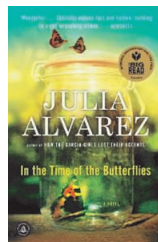


Mostly Literary Fiction:

In the Time of the Butterflies

Mon., April 11

Two meetings: Noon at Peet's Coffee (B Street and Mission) & 6:30 p.m. at Main Library



From the author of *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* comes this tale of courage and sisterhood set in the Dominican Republic during the rise of the Trujillo dictatorship. A skillful blend of fact and fiction, *In the Time of the Butterflies* is inspired by the true story of the three Mirabal sisters who, in 1960, were murdered for their part in an underground plot to overthrow the government. Alvarez breathes life into these historical figures—known as "las mariposas," or "the butterflies," in the underground—as she imagines their teenage years, their gradual involvement with the revolution, and their terror as their opposition to the government is uncovered.

Autobiography:

Something to Declare

Wed., April 20

6:30 p.m. at Main Library



Having transformed her tumultuous life story into a body of startlingly lyrical fiction and poetry, including our Big Read selection *In the Time of the Butterflies*, Julia

Alvarez chronicles her journey in nonfiction form in *Something to Declare*. The 24 personal essays that make up this book are like snapshots rendered in prose, capturing the life and mind of an artist as she meditates on the dual themes of coming to America and becoming a writer.



Book Discussion: *En el tiempo de las mariposas* (in Spanish)

Wednesday, April 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

Weekes Branch

Join Hayward City Council member Francisco Zermeño for a Spanish discussion of *En el tiempo de las mariposas*. For a copy of the book in Spanish, contact Melesha Owen at 510-293-5239.

Miércoles, 20 de abril: Discusión del Libro *En el tiempo de las mariposas* de Julia Alvarez (1994) – Biblioteca Weekes, 6:30 p.m.

Acompañe al Concejal de Hayward Francisco Zermeño para una discusión en español de *En el tiempo de las mariposas*, una historia de valor y hermandad en la República Dominicana durante la ascensión de la dictadura de Trujillo. Una mezcla hábil de hechos y ficción, *En el tiempo de las mariposas* está inspirada por la verdadera historia de las tres hermanas Mirabal, quienes, en 1960, fueron asesinadas por su parte en una conspiración secreta para derrocar el gobierno. Alvarez le da vida a estas figuras históricas – conocidas como "las mariposas" ocultamente - mientras se imagina sus años adolescentes, su participación gradual en la revolución y su terror cuando se descubre su oposición al gobierno. Para recibir copia del libro en español, póngase en contacto con Melesha Owen al 510.293.5239.

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Hayward's Big Read blog: <http://haywardbigread.wordpress.com/>

MORE BIG READ EVENTS



Poetry Slam Workshops

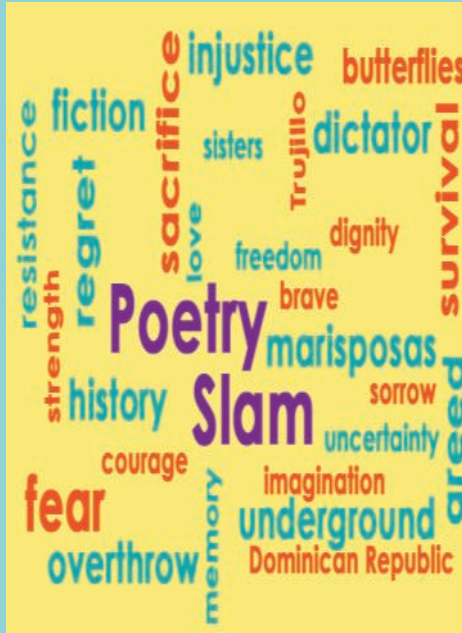
Saturday, March 19 @ 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 @ 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 @ 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Main Library

Get ready for the Library's second annual Multigenerational Poetry Slam, which will be presented in association with this year's Big Read of Julia Alvarez's novel *In the Time of the Butterflies*! Whether you're an experienced slam poet, or interested in getting some help to generate poems addressing themes in the Big Read selection, join us for a free workshop aimed at giving you the tools to present your original poems to a live audience. An experienced mentor from San Francisco-based Youth Speaks will lead each multigenerational workshop. Space is limited and registration is required. *Register for one workshop only.*



Multigenerational Poetry Slam

Saturday, May 7

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Main Library

Join us in the Library's garden plaza for an afternoon of entertainment and inspiration from local poets of all ages, presenting original poetry based on themes from *In the Time of the Butterflies*. Sign up to present your poetry at this special event—bring up to four original poems to participate in the competitively judged event where everyone will be celebrated as a winner. The top three participants will be awarded a cash prize of \$75, \$50, and \$25, respectively.

To obtain a copy of the book and to register, contact Sally Thomas at sally.thomas@hayward-ca.gov or 510-881-7700. Funding provided by the Federal Institute of Museum & Library Services through the Library Services & Technology Act.

Meet Authors Daniel Alarcón and Stephen D. Gutierrez

Saturday, April 23 @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Main Library

If you enjoy reading *In the Time of the Butterflies*, don't miss the opportunity to meet two prominent Bay Area-based Latino writers at this special Big Read event. Stephen D. Gutierrez is a professor of creative writing at California State University East Bay. His recent collection of short stories, *Live from Fresno y Los*, won a 2010 American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation.

Daniel Alarcón, a native of Peru who lives in Oakland, is the author of *Lost City Radio*, the March 2011 selection of the Mostly Literary Fiction Book Group. The recipient of numerous literary awards for his debut novel and short story collection, *War by Candlelight*, Alarcón was named by the *New Yorker* magazine as one of "20 Under 40" writers who will be key to their generation. He is also the editor of the *Secret Miracle: The Novelist's Handbook*, which features a wide-ranging, insightful roundtable discussion among some of the world's best contemporary writers. Alarcón's first Spanish graphic novel, *Ciudad de payasos*, [City of Clowns] produced in collaboration with artist Sheila Alvarado, is now available in the U.S.



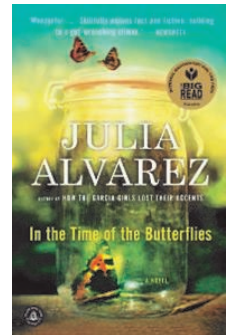
Brown Bag Lunch Discussion

Wednesday, May 4

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Main Library

Didn't get a chance to attend one of the other *In the Time of the Butterflies* book discussions? It's not too late. Join us at the library for one more chance to discuss this fascinating work of historical fiction. Bring your lunch and enjoy a quick discussion.



The Big Read in the Classroom

The NEA provided a grant which we used to buy copies of the book to give to students, thus removing economic barriers and providing more stimulus for them to participate.

Teachers: to get copies of the book for your classroom, contact Melesha.Owen@hayward-ca.gov, 510-293-5239.

MORE BIG READ EVENTS



10% OFF

Shop at Hayward's Book Shop on B Street and Support the Hayward Public Library

The Book Shop on B Street, Hayward's independent book store since 1960, is a proud sponsor of The Big Read,!

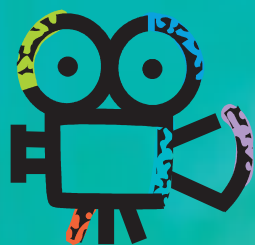
Receive a 10 % discount on Big Read titles, including

- *In the Time of the Butterflies* and *Something to Declare* by Julia Alvarez
- *Lost City Radio* by Daniel Alarcón
- *Live from Fresno y Los: Stories* by Stephen D. Gutierrez.



When you shop at the Book Shop between April 1 and May 10, a portion of your total sale proceeds will be donated to the Hayward Public Library. Simply bring this voucher with you to claim your discount and to support the Library.

Book Shop, 1007 B St, Hayward – Phone: 510-538-3943. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 am – 6 pm; Friday, 10 am – 8 pm; Saturday, 9 am-8 pm. Closed Sundays.



**You've read the book, now join us for a movie showing.
See the story of the Mirabal sisters on the big screen.**

**Wednesday, April 13
6:00 p.m.
Weekes Branch**

**Monday, April 25
6:00 p.m.
Main Library**



WHAT IS THE BIG READ?

Have you ever read a book that transformed your life? Books have the power to stimulate, educate, and open minds. That's why we are proud to be a part of The Big Read in April 2011. The Big Read is an initiative of National Endowment for the Arts designed to encourage people across America to spend more time reading. **Why The Big Read?** *Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America*, a 2004 report by the National Endowment for the Arts, found that literary reading in America is declining rapidly, especially among the young. Less than half of all American adults now spend any time reading any literature at all. **Why does The Big Read matter?** We all know reading is a good thing, but the report also showed that literary readers are far more engaged and active in their communities. For example, literary readers are nearly three times more likely than non-readers to attend a performing arts event, one-and-a-half times more likely to attend a sporting event, and over two-and-a-half times more likely to do volunteer or charity work. **What is The Big Read?** It's about one community reading and talking about one great work of literature together. Our featured Big Read 2011 book is Julia Alvarez's classic work, *In the Time of the Butterflies*. We're proud to report that several hundred local students will be studying the book in their classrooms for The Big Read. The NEA provided a grant which we used to buy copies of the book to give to these students, thus removing economic barriers and providing more stimulus for them to participate. You can participate, too, by attending one of the Big Read events.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT - APRIL 2011

Knitting Circle

Wednesday, April 13 & 27

6:30 p.m. at Main Library

Discover the joys of knitting by joining our knitting circle at the Hayward Library. Experienced knitter Zanaib Green will help novice knitters with easy projects such as scarves and shawls and more advanced knitters with projects such as hats, gloves, socks and sweaters. All levels of knitters are welcome. Please bring size 10 or 10 1/2 knitting needles and the yarn of your choice.

**Investor Education in the Library**

Saturday, April 23

10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Main Library

Have concerns about your ability to retire on your timeline? Have an old 401K that you want to work harder for you? A local financial advisor will be on hand to provide information on various topics and assist you with questions. Space is limited and registration is recommended. To register or for more information call 510-881-7980.

**English Conversation Groups**

Come and practice speaking English with others who are learning.

All levels are welcome.

No registration is required.

Tuesdays at 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Main Library

Tuesdays at 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Main Library &

Day Labor Center (680 Tennyson Rd.)

Thursdays at 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Day Labor Center (680 Tennyson Rd.)

Saturdays at 10:15 - 12:00 noon

Weekes Library

Contact Jami.Hiller@hayward-ca.gov or 510-583-5505 for more information.



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Get a Great Deal on Books!

Saturday, April 9 & 23

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

C Street & Watkins

Friends of the Hayward Library book sales are held at the downtown Farmers Market on the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

**Teach Someone to Read – Change a Life**

Become a volunteer for Literacy Plus. Tutor an adult in reading, writing and critical thinking skills. We are a learner-centered program that serves adults in Hayward, offering individualized learning plans based on the learners' needs. Break the cycle of illiteracy. Promote education and a lifelong love of learning.

Tutor Orientations will be on April 18, April 26 and April 27, 2011. Tutor Training will be held on Saturday, April 30 and Saturday, May 7, 2011. A Tutor Orientation and both Tutor Training sessions are required and participants must register in advance. Please call 510-881-7910 for more information.

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- You never went to college

Call 510-881-7910

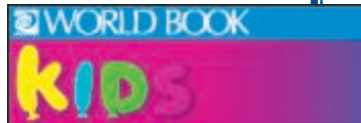
Literacy Plus - Hayward Public Library

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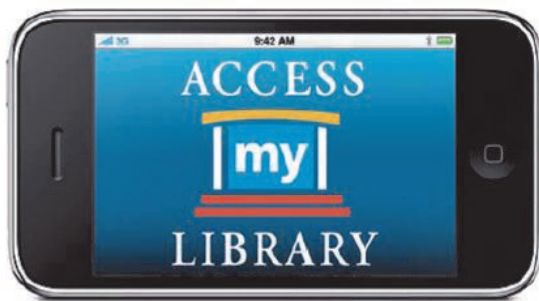
Career Transitions from the Online Resources list.



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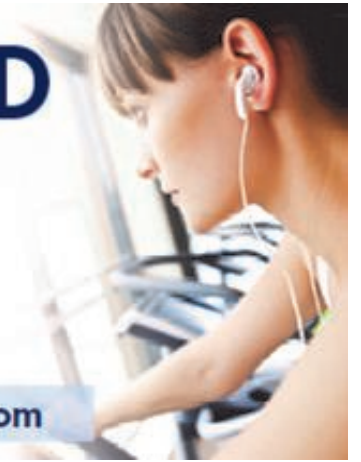
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The live online service is available 7 days a week from 1 p.m.-10 p.m. Need help at midnight? No problem. Each center includes 24/7 access to thousands of resources. The service is completely free for our community. To access the service visit the library's website at www.library.hayward-ca.gov and click on Live Homework Help in the right column under Homework Support.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Laughter Yoga

Sat., April 2 @ 3:00 p.m. at Main Library

A free Laughter Yoga workshop is presented monthly at the Hayward Public Library. Come and join in the laughter, reduce stress and learn that silliness is great for your health.



Smart Yoga

Sat., April 9 @ 10:30 a.m. at Main Library

This monthly yoga workshop is presented by experienced yoga instructor Charla Jean. Learn yoga postures designed to increase your range of motion, augment flexibility and balance, enhance vitality and strengthen your sense of inner calm. **Please bring a yoga mat.**

LEGAL ADVICE

Lawyer in the Library

Sat., April 2 @ 12:00 - 2:00 pm at Main Library
Mon., April 4 @ 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. at Main Library
Wed., April 20 @ 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. at Weekes

Do you need free legal advice? Don't know where to begin? Get 15 minutes of free legal advice at the Hayward Public Library with a licensed attorney. Onsite registration required. Space is limited. Consultation is assigned by lottery.

Lawyer in the Library is sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association. Call 510-881-7980 for more information. Registration for the sessions begins 30 minutes before the first session.



Just 4 Teens—April 2011

The Best of TEEN EATZ



Chocolate Truffles
Wednesday,
April 20
3:30 p.m.
at Weekes

Join us, and learn how to make these melt-in-your-mouth chocolates!

TEEN ART REVOLUTION

Kokeshi Dolls

Wednesday, April 13
1:30 p.m. at Main

Make your own version of the Japanese wooden doll. We'll provide the supplies, you bring the ideas.



Play with Clay

Wednesday, April 27
1:30 p.m. at Main

Make a charm, tiny animal or creature out of polymer clay.



Made possible through the generous support of Target.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
Wednesday, April 6
4:00 p.m. at Weekes

Middle School Book Group
(Grades 7-8)
Tuesday, April 5
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Main Library

Life as We Knew It
by Susan Beth Pfeffer



Registration is required. Please visit the Main Children's Desk to register and receive your free copy of March's book.

Get Your Game On! Wednesdays

Every Wednesday in April
1:30 p.m. at Main



April 13 & 27
2:00 p.m. at Weekes

Playstation 2,
XBOX 360, and Wii games on
the big screen!

Teen Reads Book Club
(Grades 7-12)
Tuesday, April 19
4:30 p.m.
Weekes Branch



The Face on the Milk Carton
by Caroline Cooney

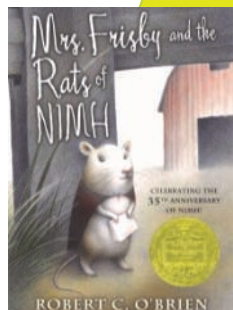
One day at lunch Janie Johnson looks at the missing child picture on her friend's milk carton and recognizes the girl in the picture — it is herself...

Read the book and talk about it with other teens - copies are available from the Weekes Branch Library.

Friday Book Clubs

3:30 — 4:30 pm at Main

Kids from 3rd-6th grade are invited to join our Friday Book Clubs.
Stop by the Main Children's Desk to register and receive your free book today!

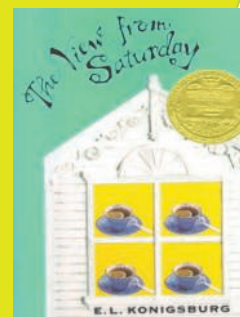


Snack Attack (Grades 3-4)

Apr 8: *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*
by Robert C O'Brien

Read and Feed (Grades 5-6)

Apr 22: *The View from Saturday*
by E.L. Konigsburg



May 6: *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater

May 20: *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Haddix



STORY TIMES



Aprende y Juega en Español

(ages birth — 4 years)

Registración requerida

Mon 2:00 p.m. at Weekes

Thurs 1:30 p.m. at Main

Fri 1:30 p.m. at Main

Bedtime Stories

(all ages)

Tues 6:30 p.m. at Weekes

Wed 6:30 p.m. at Main

Bilingual Stories (English/Spanish)

(all ages)

Wed 1:30 p.m. at Main



Child-Caregiver

Learn & Play Group

(ages birth — 36 months)

Registration required

Mon 11:15 a.m. at Weekes

Mon 12:30 p.m. at Weekes

Mon 6:00 p.m. at Weekes

Thurs 10:15 a.m. at Main

Thurs 11:30 a.m. at Main

Fri 10:30 a.m. at Main



Family Story Time

(all ages)

Wed 1:30 p.m. at Weekes



Music and Movement

(ages birth — 6)

Fri 10:30 a.m. at Weekes

Sat 10:30 a.m. at Main

Preschool Stories

(ages 3 — 5)

Tues 11:30 a.m. at Main

Thurs 11:30 a.m. at Weekes



Spanish Stories and Craft (all ages)

Sat 11:30 a.m. at Weekes

Toddler Stories

(ages 2 — 3)

Tues 11:30 a.m. at Weekes

Crafty Fridays (ages 4 - 11)

3:30 p.m. at Weekes



April 1—Potted Tulips

Grow flowers without dirt or water!



April 15—Craft Stick Jewelry Boxes

Build a special place for your small treasures.



April 29—Decorate a Kite

Design this great decoration for your room.



Family Movie Matinee

Saturday, April 9

2:00 p.m. at Weekes Branch

Join us for a showing of a recent release family film. All ages are welcome! For more information, call 510-293-5366

Family Weekend Wii

Saturday, April 23

2:00 p.m. at Weekes

Wii games on the big screen!
All ages are welcome!

Homework Support Center

Free drop-in homework help

Mon, Tues, and Wed

3:30 - 5:30

Thurs 3:30 - 4:30

Main and Weekes

